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Come on, Sugiyama! Stop messing around!
Soccer
Baseball
I get it.
Volleyball..
I get it..
I sort of get it
Futsal
I get it. Well, it's the same as soccer.
Come on, come on! Three more laps!
Track and field ..
Sugiyama, taste!
I don't get it at all.
It's a masochistic sport.
Last lap!
70% of First Love is...
GOOD LUCK, "SUGIYAMA."
YOU'RE AMAZING, "SUGIYAMA."

70% of
First Love
is...
Chapter 1
初恋の70%は、
第1話

But he's really fast
Is Sugiyama his name?
Yeah, he is
He lapped the others
Good luck, Sugiyama.
BECAUSE THERE'S A TRACK, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RUN
BECAUSE THERE'S A ROAD, PEOPLE DRIVE THEIR CARS OVER IT
BECAUSE THERE'S A CONTAINER, WE FILL IT WITH SOMETHING
THE CONDO MOM BOUGHT THREE YEARS AGO. .

...AND A LARGE WALK-IN CLOSET. SEEING THIS,
...HAS MY ROOM, MOM'S ROOM, A LIVING ROOM...
Walk-in Closet
Powder Room
Bath Room
Hall
Bed-room
...I FIGURED...
...SHE HAS NO INTENTIONS OF DATING OR REMARRYING ANYMORE
Zzzz
.....

WHAP
.....
You're awake
Hey, continue
Hee hee, the joy of my son taking care of me
MUMBLE
Nngh.
Hey mom, you should at least wash your makeup off
At least sleep in your bed
...I can't make it there
Kotaro, can you get my pajamas?
No way, old hag
PACKED
It won't fit
Then at least get my comforter
MOM'S HOBBY IS TO STUFF THE WALK-IN CLOSET WITH THINGS
You got dumped again?

You're right on schedule, aren't you?
Your relationship lasted only four months, yet again Are you sure you're the one getting dumped?
You're not the one dumping?
No, I'm not.
He doesn't care. He dates anyone who comes along.
And he doesn't have ambitions
.....
You guys are the same, aren't you?
I don't have girls asking me out, so I don't know!
I'm putting my life into studying for university entrance exams.
Oh, right...

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING I WANT TO DO
I DON'T HAVE A COLLEGE I WANT TO GO TO.
I DON'T HAVE A POP IDOL I'M CRAZY ABOUT.
I HAVE PRETTY GOOD GRADES,
I'M PRETTY GOOD AT SPORTS
I'M SO-SO POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS
I'm putting my life into Maiko.
Damn, she's cute!
MOM...
...STOPS SHOPPING WHEN THE CLOSET GETS FULL. AND AFTER A WHILE, SHE'LL GET RID OF THE THINGS SHE DOESN'T NEED...
I DON'T HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS. BUT I ALSO DON'T HAVE A PURPOSE IN LIFE.
...AND WHEN THE CLOSET OPENS UP, SHE STARTS SHOPPING AGAIN.
Um, is it true that you broke up with your girlfriend?

SHE DOESN'T BUY ANYTHING WHEN THE CLOSET IS FULL.
WOOOOSH
He's washing up.
It must feel good.
I'm sorry that I'm taking your time.
SPLASH
SPLAAAASH
He's pretty toned.
Look at that back.
...is so thin.
His waist...
I've been interested in you for a while now, so I was wondering...

TWIST
BUT.
IS THAT...
...TRULY "SOMETHING YOU REALLY WANT?"
Sugiyama!
FLINCH
Coach was looking for you
Got it

What are you looking at?
Oh nothing...
Hey, so about your time the other day...
Oh.
He's that "Sugiyama."
.....
Thanks.

THAT MANAGER GIRL WAS PRETTY CUTE...
I WOULD PUSH HER AGAINST THE WALL...
...WITH HER BACK FACING ME
I WOULD PUT MY HAND UP HER SKIRT
FLIP
YEAH, JUST LIKE THIS
"PLEASE... STOP THAT."

Her body would be slender.
The fingers wrapped around her body could easily touch the bone.
.....
"Come on."
"You were washing up here."
"...like you were asking for it."
Hm?

"No.. "
"Stop it..."
Wake up
What?!
Whaaat?!
No way!

Huh?
?
Sugiyama? He's in Class B
Oh, so are you... close with Sugiyama?
Um, not really
Yonezawa, classmate
Is he popular...? With the girls...?
Actually... does he have a girlfriend?
I don't think so
And me Not really popular with the girls
Really? I'm surprised to hear that

He doesn't say much, and he's rude.
I think he's a bit scary.
I see...
CREAK
Why do you want to know? Did something happen with Sugiyama?
No
I just wanted to talk to you, that's all.
PAT
Thanks.
OK.
TAKAYUKI SUGIYAMA
HIS GRADES ARE AVERAGE. BUT HE'S AN AMAZING ATHLETE.

He's not particularly liked by girls.
Although he's not bad-looking.
BUZZ
BUZZ
He even went to the Nationals? Damn.
He's a nut about his sport...
SWEAT
SLURP
Did he wear his jacket even though he was wet
Because that girl came along? He was being considerate? How annoying

!!
(Self-loathing)
FROM THAT DAY ON... EVERY DAY...
DOES SUGIYAMA LIKE THAT GIRL? HOW ANNOYING.
...EVEN THOUGH I TELL MYSELF...
.. NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT...
He's a guy.
HIS THIN WAIST...
.. AND WET JACKET THAT STUCK ON HIS BODY...
He's a guy.

Hey, let's go home.
.....
What's wrong?
Curry udon...
Kasukabe! What are you going to eat?
Sugiyama was eating it yesterday
Yeah
He's still running? It's so late.

I'VE NEVER STAYED AT SCHOOL SO LATE BEFORE.

BEFORE, HE WAS JUST A DOT ON THE FIELD. BUT NOW I CAN SEE SUGIYAMA'S FACE IN MY MIND AS HE RUNS

AND THEN THEY MELTED INTO DARKNESS

But you need to ice it
Urgh...
It's cold...
NOOOO
Ah...
See? Your thighs are hot
SST
FLINCH

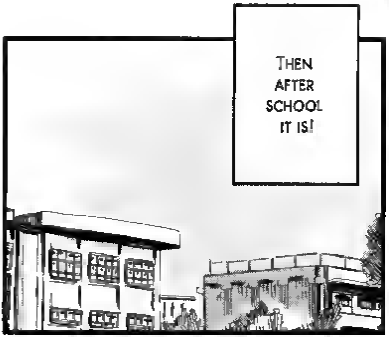
You're getting stiff.
Let's stretch it out.
NOOOOO
NOOOOO
Ah
GRIP
Come on
No
Ah.
Ah..

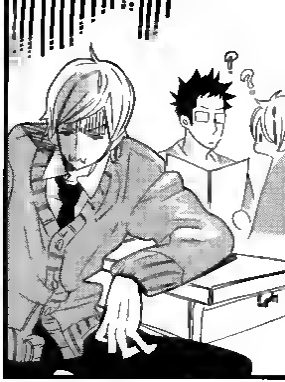
Things are going in a weird direction
Shoot, this isn't good.
I need to do something about this.
He's worn out.
What's wrong with Kasukabe?
WOOSH
I'LL GO SEE HIM
Sugiyama's sex appeal?
GASP
BURN
I THINK IT WAS SUGIYAMA'S STRANGE SEX APPEAL THAT STARTED THIS

GET REAL. I'M SURE ONCE I TALK TO HIM...
PUNCH
I CAN'T. I JUST CAN'T.
NOOOO !!!
I CAN'T BE GETTING HORNY EACH TIME I THINK OF HIM...
SWING
...I'LL REALIZE THAT HE'S JUST SOME GROSS GUY LIKE ANY OTHER HIGH SCHOOL GUY...
OK
SHIMMER
And how do you use the brush?
Please just leave me alone.
You're in my way
I'm gonna mess up
WHIRRRR
You took a shower? In the morning?
What's the special occasion?

Why does your hair look so nice this morning?
.....
Seriously?
Yeah! Even I would fall in love with you.
Really...?
Dude, I'm just kidding You're actually scaring me
GRAB
What's with him? He's creepy
Yeah, creepy
Hey Where are you going?
Class B
...WHAT AM I GOING TO SAY TO HIM?
BUT WHEN I GOT TO THE ENTRANCE, I REALIZED...
STOP
We don't have anything to talk about
It's practically our first meeting.
And I don't have any friends in Class B.

What if he thinks that I've getting all psyched up so early in the morning and I actually came to school just to talk to him?
Come to think of it, isn't first thing in the morning a little creepy?
SLIDE
*Second period started
DING DONG
But... then again, it's going to be hard to talk within just 10 minutes.
Dunno
Does he have something going on at Class B today?
*After first period
DING DONG
Where are you going?
Class B
SLIDE
SLIDE
Change of plans. Morning is not good.
BADUM
OK, OK...
I'll do it at lunch!
BADUM
BADUM
I can do this! I'll do this!
Is Sugiyama here?
He went to a meeting for the track team.


THEN AFTER SCHOOL IT IS!



STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
So I'll talk about track.
Hey, I saw your trophies. You're pretty fast.
Do you have any tips you can share?
Hm.. maybe that won't work.
I don't know what to say now...
But whatever.
I sound like a stalker or something.
If ..

...I DON'T TALK TO HIM TODAY, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TALK TO HIM!
Z-B
ガラッ
SLIDE
Is Sugiyama-?
Oh...
Uh...

Oh...
TWITCH
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
MY MIND WENT BLANK
Huh?
Me? What do you want?
THAT'S WHEN I SAW, FROM THE CORNER OF MY EYE...
Hey, Hayama!
Can you get Hayama?

Hey, what's up?
It's been a while
Yeah..
I heard that you broke up with Yukawa
SST
I also..
I...
..WAS FACING SUGIYAMA AS I TALKED.

I'm scum.
I'M THE MOST PATHETIC GUY IN THE WORLD
A GUY WHO CAN'T EVEN TALK TO ANOTHER GUY...
Trash.
I don't deserve to live.
I COULDN'T TALK TO HIM.
BUT WHY IS IT THAT SUGIYAMA IS TAKING UP ALL MY THOUGHTS, EVEN MORE THAN EVER?
I'm so tired...
I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE PLEASING MYSELF THAT DAY...
...BUT IF I DID, I'M SURE I WOULD HAVE FANTASIZED ABOUT SUGIYAMA

And I don't cooperate well with others.
We're going to be late, Kasukabe.
FESTIVAL ACTION COMMITTEE
I'm really not the type to do this.
You'll be fine if you have the will to do it!
I don't.
Why do I have to do this?
It's your fault for sleeping while we voted on who should be on the committee.

GOD,
COULD THIS..

...POSSIBLY
BE...

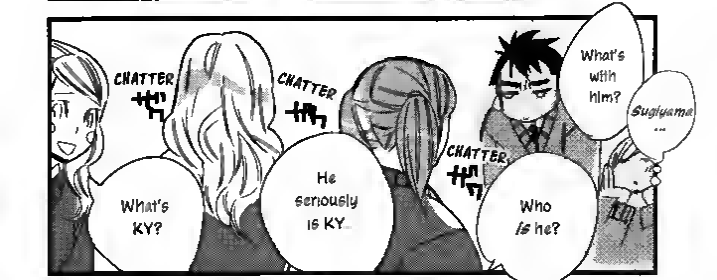
Chapter 2

I'M ON THE SAME COMMITTEE...
...AS THE GUY I FANTASIZE ABOUT
If anyone has an idea, please raise your hand...
This year's theme is "Our Shining Youth."
...the main event that we, the Festival Action Committee, is going to plan.
OK.. I would like to decide...
How about a mixer party with all students forced to participate?!
A fashion show?
That's a great idea!!
That's a great idea!!
How about a haunted house?!
That's a great idea!!

Can I say something ?
They sound like a lot of work...
All of them
CHATTER
CHATTER
Sugiyama.
DAZED
Those ideas have nothing to do with the theme.
.....
Cross-dressing café!
That's a great idea!!
A play!
That's a great idea!!
A giant maze!
That's a great idea!!
.....

I have one.
How about a photo exhibit?
We'll get some shining youth-ish pictures from the Photography Club and blow them up as panels and display them in the conference room
Maybe about 10 pictures?
DAZED
Sugiyama...
That sounds good.
It won't take up much time.
And it goes with our theme.
Most importantly, it won't take up much time
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
Sugiyama..
SHINE
That's a great-
BONK
I think a fashion show is the best idea.
Definitely it would stand out!
If we all work together, we can make a couple of outfits.

Hey!
ドン!!
SLAM
I'm busy with training, so I don't want anything that would take up a lot of time!
How about a live auction? Prizes would be getting a date with us!
Ooh, imagine all the guys who would be interested!!


CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
What's KY?
He seriously is KY.
Who is he?
What's with him?
Sugiyama...

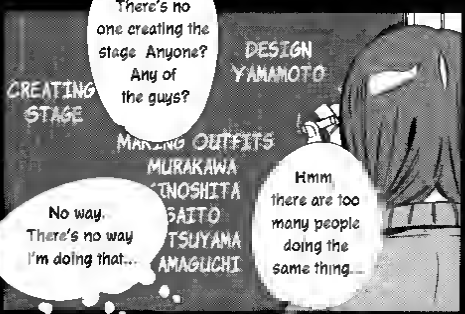
Good job, Sugiyama. Keep pushing.
But I can only help during the time that's allotted for these committee meetings
If you want to do it, that's fine

I can't believe him.
...SO HAPPY!!
Who do you think you are?
I'm...
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
KY is the abbreviation for kuuki yomenai (can't read the situation), and...
What? I'm not good at English
ADORATION!!
THE GUY I'M IN LOVE WITH IS GETTING SOME HATE FROM THE GIRLS!!
Sorry, gotta go...
Let me know what you guys decide on...
DING DONG
SLIDE
SLAM
...

.. I'll realize that he's just some gross guy like any other high school guy
I'm sure once I talk to him...
See?
I should be let down.
He's so argumentative and rude.
He's so scary.
You can't be serious, asshole!!
Undo this!

I WANT
TO GET
TO KNOW
HIM BETTER.

SLIDE
FLINCH
ART ROOM
When I went to the committee meeting, I was told to come here
Oh
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
Then we've decided on doing a fashion show
FASHION SHOW
Seriously? Damn it...
Anyone against it?

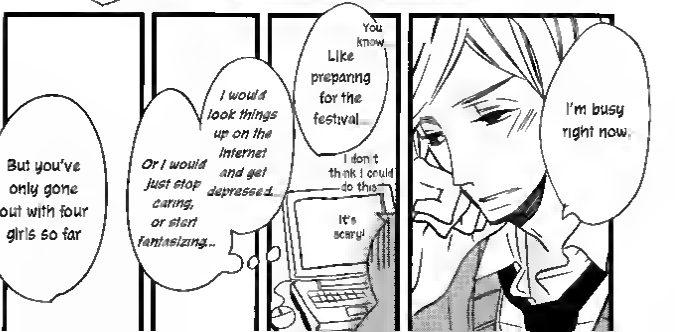

There's no one creating the stage. Anyone? Any of the guys?
CREATING STAGE
DESIGN YAMAMOTO
MAKING OUTFITS
MURAKAWA
INOSHITA
SAITO
TSUYAMA
AMAGUCHI
No way. There's no way I'm doing that...
Hmm, there are too many people doing the same thing...
Then we all vote unanimously for the fashion show! ♡

CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
But I think it'd be difficult for him to make it by himself
It's his fault for not being here.
I guess Sugiyama could do it

I totally hear you!!!
Right?
Right?
They're so cunning!!
That's why I hate girls...

.....
You were unlucky to get stuck with this job, too
Ooh, I win. I got a D
I got an F for Art last semester
Then I'll work on the stage with Sugiyama.
Oh, my name is Sugi-yama
I can talk to him normally when there is stuff to do...
I know.
Sure.
By the way, my name is Kasukabe Can you get the hammer?
And here are the supplies
So this is what the final result should look like
Are you serious?

No way.
No way...
You have to build the stage?! Are you serious?!
I know, right?
Hee hee.
One of your charms is that you don't say no to anyone!!
What?! Why didn't you?!
Yeah.
I heard you didn't say yes to that other girl.


But you've only gone out with four girls so far
I would look things up on the internet and get depressed.
Or I would just stop caring, or start fantasizing...
You know. Like preparing for the festival...
I don't think I could do this.
It's scary!
I'm busy right now.

We're in our second year, and it's September. So 12+5 months at most = 17 months divided by 4 months = 4 ex-girlfriends
I thought you were going to date nine girls throughout your high school life. With a calculation of 36 months divided by 4 months = 9 girls
What are you talking about? Four?
Ah, I see... Life cannot be calculated like that, you know...
SORROW
HEH
The committee meeting. Where else?
SLIDE
SIGH
More sorrow...
Where are you going?
CREAK
Oh. It's time to go.
HEH

Sorry
SIGH
CLANG
What are you doing?
It's dangerous!
?!
Sure
TOUCH
KANK
Shoot, I messed up..
Can you get the pliers?
Because I'm pretty free on weekends.
I went to the store with the teacher over the weekend
Where did you get the supplies? I feel like there are more now.
Oh.
I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE WITH HIM, BUT IT'S BAD FOR MY HEART..
PHEW
Huh?
BADUM
BADUM
How does this work?
BADUM
Wow, you're...
What do you call it..

Good morning
Morning
ガ!!
GRAB
Huh?
!!!!
Sugi... yama!!
Let me hold on for a sec ..
SUGIYAMA
Uhh.. ?!
?!

Hey, Kasukabe
ART ROO
So...
What's going on with this part?
What part?
SUGIYAMA
This one-
!!!!
Ack!
HUG
...IS ROUGH AND RUDE.
I see.
Oh... um...
You connect these two boards, and .
BUT WHEN HE GETS USED TO YOU...

He's so different from what I expected.
SIGH
Wow.
TOUCHY
Please get off of me. v_v
Wait, please don't v_v
And this one?
TOUCHY
ROLL
I haven't seen him act that way.
Even from all my stalking observing these few days.
Damn it.
IT MAKES ME WONDER...
. IF I'M THE ONLY ONE...
SQUEEZE
WHO KNOWS HOW DIFFERENT HE COULD BE.

But you're the fastest on the team, right?
Not with this time.
You're pretty amazing
Hey.
And you went to the Nationals. That's crazy

I only went...
But it's the Nationals.
.....
SUGIYAMA LAUGHED SCORNFULLY
But watch me next year
CROUCH
DASH

Sugiyama, get moving!!
SUGIYAMA IS ROUGH, UNFRIENDLY...
...BUT HE'S PRETTY COOL WHEN HE GETS USED TO YOU.
...AND VERY SERIOUS ABOUT RUNNING

There are less than 10 days until the festival!! He's so selfish!
Sugiyama went home early again?!
ART ROO
It's fine. He works hard on his track team.
But aren't you doing all the work?!
It's OK
I'm bored, anyway
We're getting work done, so stop complaining.
And don't get in Sugiyama's way, either.

I should head home soon...
Sugiyama ?
PANT..

Hey.
Yeah...
Why are you so worn out?
My time...
...hasn't gotten any better since I went...
...to the Nationals.
I WAS THINKING...
Our school is public, and my coach is just a PE teacher.
...AS I WATCHED SUGIYAMA DRENCHED IN SWEAT...
Unlike a private school, we don't have a gym.
He can't give me expert advice.

.. THAT THIS IS MY CHANCE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIM
I could say something kind. Something he wants to hear.
Maybe i'll pat him on the head...
I'll comfort him.
...gently, and...
JUST LIKE I DID BEFORE WITH GIRLS.
THEN MAYBE...

Our school didn't turn public *yesterday*.
Don't be making excuses now.
So does everyone in private school make it to the Nationals?
.....
You got to the Nationals last year by running on these tracks with no lights every night.
Then keep running.

Damn it!
I'll run, even if you don't tell me to!
What did I say?
But...
...I'm having fun these days.
I couldn't talk to him before, but now I can at least once a week
He knows my name
He's friendly with me
That's why...
Urrgh

I DON'T WANT THIS SITUATION TO CHANGE
If I try to change this..
..and tell him how I feel...
...and it'll get awkward...
I THINK I'M OK IF THINGS ARE THE WAY THEY ARE NOW.
TO STAY FRIENDS...
WHAT I HAVE IS GREAT.
. IS THE BEST OPTION.

BUT...
...MAINTAINING THIS SITUATION IS LONELY, TOO...

ART ROOM
Hey, Sugiyama Do you have a girlfriend?
KLANK
Do I look like I have one?
KLANK
No...
Then, do you have
BADUM
BADUM
you like?
some one...
BADUM
BADUM
How about you?
What?
You dated Hayama in my class, right?
And also Yoneda and Tanigawa from the next class?
You're pretty popular with the girls. Wow
KLANK
Oh... that's...!
That was a long time ago
and I'm not dating anyone right now at all! Wait, who told you?!
HA HA
A long time ago?
That's still amazing, you know
!!

I mean, you're pretty tall
Well, I guess I can see why
Lately, I've been getting a lot of girls asking about you
WHUMP
Whoa!
..and good-looking

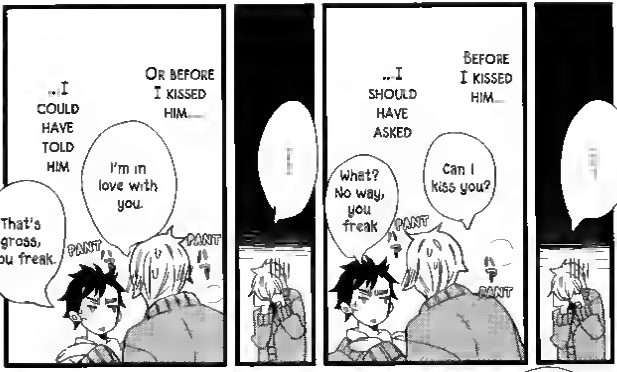
!
BLUSH!
And you're nice.
And... if I'm being a wimp, you'll knock some sense into me.
SUGIYAMA, PLEASE, DON'T GET TOO CLOSE...
I MIGHT...
Huh?
You comforted me.
IF YOU GET CLOSE... I MIGHT...

...you...
So I can see why girls would like. .
I MIGHT...
I...
ガタッ...
THUD

Last Chapter

I NEED TO QUIT SCHOOL.
THUD
ALL I REMEMBER IS....
.SUGIYAMA'S DISGUSTED FACE

He knows how I feel.
Aaaghhh!
WHAT DID I DOOOOO?!
I'll wake up
He probably hates me now.
He looked—
—disgusted
(Second look)
Something that wouldn't have disgusted him.
There should have been another way to handle it
WHAP
.....
Such as—
A better way...


...I COULD HAVE TOLD HIM
Or before I kissed him.....
I'm in love with you.
That's gross, you freak.
PANT
PANT
...I SHOULD HAVE ASKED
Before I kissed him....
Can I kiss you?
What? No way, you freak
PANT
PANT

AGGGHHHH!!!

Sugiyama's look just keeps coming back.

I can't even fantasize now

I WISH IT WAS AS EASY TO HATE SOMEONE
...AS IT IS TO FALL IN LOVE...
Hey.
Sugi-yama...

I wasn't sure if I could call out to you
CREAK
WORN OUT
Nothing
You should have told me if you were here
What are you doing?
FLINCH
Oh well. I'll ask him about it tomorrow
STRETCH
STRETCH
STRETCH
I wonder what that was about.

I think that's my only option.
I could try to laugh it off as a joke...
FLINCH
Hey, is Kasukabe here?
BUZZ
Sure
Hey, Kasukabe
That's weird He was here a minute ago
BUZZ
BUZZ

I'M SCARED TO SEE HIM.

You forgot to make the sign?

Yeah
I'm sorry it's last minute...
Do you think you can do it?
Yeah, as long as it's a simple sign.
Do you have a design?
Yeah.
No, it's OK I'll ask myself.
Do you want me to tell Sugiyama to help you?
I can't draw pictures though!
No! Just words are fine!
There...
Yellow
ART ROOM

Oh, he's running again.
When the festival is over...
...I won't see Sugiyama anymore.
I'm going to go back to just watching the track...

PEEL
...FROM UP HERE AGAIN...
PEEL
10/4 SAT
10/5 SUN

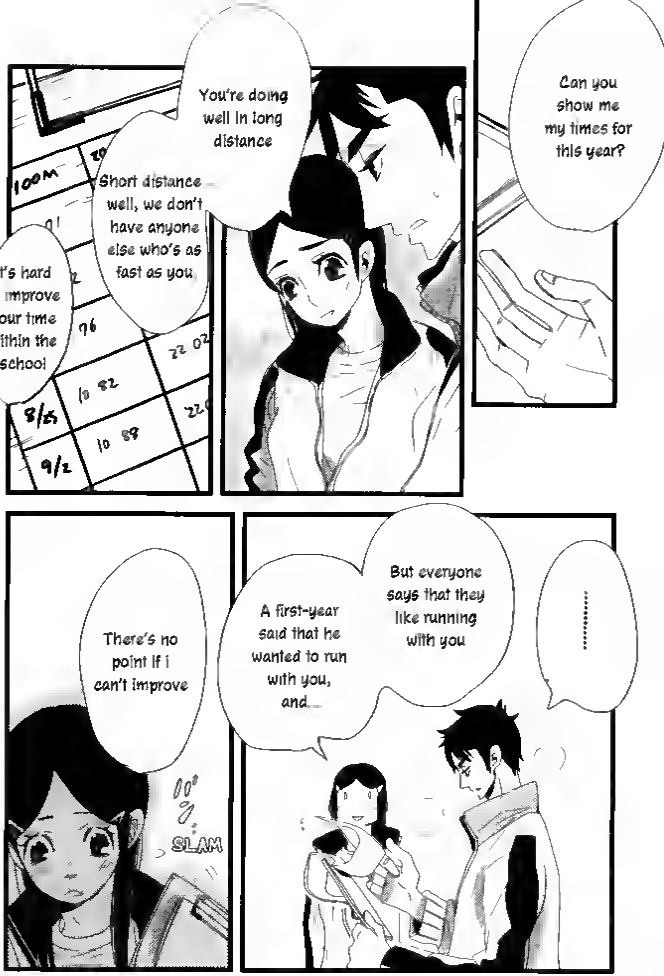
Yamamoto!
Yeah?
Hey
GLANCE
Do you know where Kasukabe is?
I haven't seen him lately for some reason.
I don't know.
But he's still working hard in the committee
Yeah, I know.
Work is getting done
But I can't find him in the art room
.....

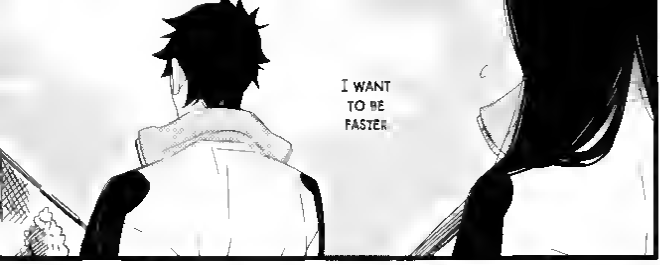
Sugiyama...
Did you ..
.....
What?
...help make this sign?
?
Nope

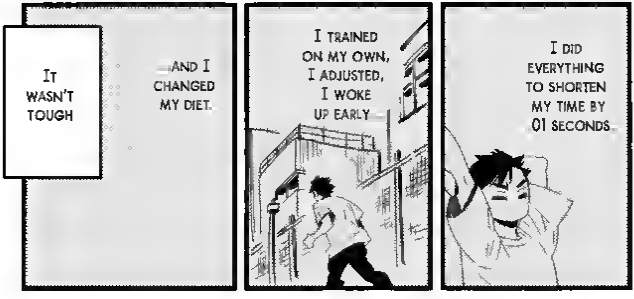
I see.
Kasukabe made this.
It was a last minute request, but he finished it in a day.
OK
You know that it was also your job, too
Did you know that only the two of you were in charge of building the stage?
You only helped once a week.
But Kasukabe helped out every day.

ZISH
Why are you telling me this? I don't care...
Track & Field Team
BONK
.....

...to pick up your slack.
ZISH
ZISH
KASUKABE HELPED OUT EVERY DAY...
Last lap!!
ZISH
ZISH
ZISH
Tashiro, 12 07 seconds.
Sugiyama, 10 91 seconds
ZISH


Can you show me my times for this year?
You're doing well in long distance
Short distance... well, we don't have anyone else who's as fast as you
It's hard to improve your time within the school
100M
8/15
9/2
But everyone says that they like running with you
A first-year said that he wanted to run with you, and...
.....
There's no point if I can't improve
SLAM


I WANT TO BE FASTER


IT WASN'T TOUGH
...AND I CHANGED MY DIET.
I TRAINED ON MY OWN, I ADJUSTED, I WOKE UP EARLY
I DID EVERYTHING TO SHORTEN MY TIME BY 01 SECONDS

...THAT EVEN ALL THAT WORK WILL AMOUNT TO NOTHING
SQUEEZE
BUT I'M SCARED..
SQUEEZE

RUSTLE
Sugiyama...
Sugiyama! What's with this time?
There's only a month until the Nationals
At this rate, you're just gonna go and only make it to the preliminaries. Do you understand?!
Yes...
If you just want to run, then you can jog!

Track is competition...
There's no point if you can't beat the records!!

If you can't get 49.60 seconds in the 400 meter, I'm going to remove you from the relay. Remember that!
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG

I don't think you're in the wrong
Kasukabe...
Why are you here?
Damn it...

You heard that?
I'M SO PATHETIC...
I'M SORRY ABOUT THE COMMITTEE WORK.
SORRY I WAS BEING...
...SO SELFISH
I WANT TO SAY THESE WORDS, BUT...
Sugiyama...

You run until it's late. Every day
On Wednesdays, you run until about 9 PM
Even though the rest of your teammates have gone home
Even if no one's watching, you're still running.

You work hard.
And seeing that, from my standpoint, I think you're amazing.

And I like...
...watching you run.
"I LIKE YOU."
THIS WON'T WORK.

...and no matter how much I hold back my feelings...
...even if he doesn't have a girlfriend...
SUGIYAMA'S CLOSET IS FULL OF TRACK.
Even if my hair is perfect...
...HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY SPACE FOR ME
BUT...
I WANT TO SAY IT NOW.
...I WANT TO SAY IT.

I'm in love with you.
INHALE
I KNOW IT'S DISGUSTING!!
I'M SORRY!!
Huh?
TURN
You could just forget what I said!!
GRAB

You're OK
TUG
If I forget about it?
TUG
Hey

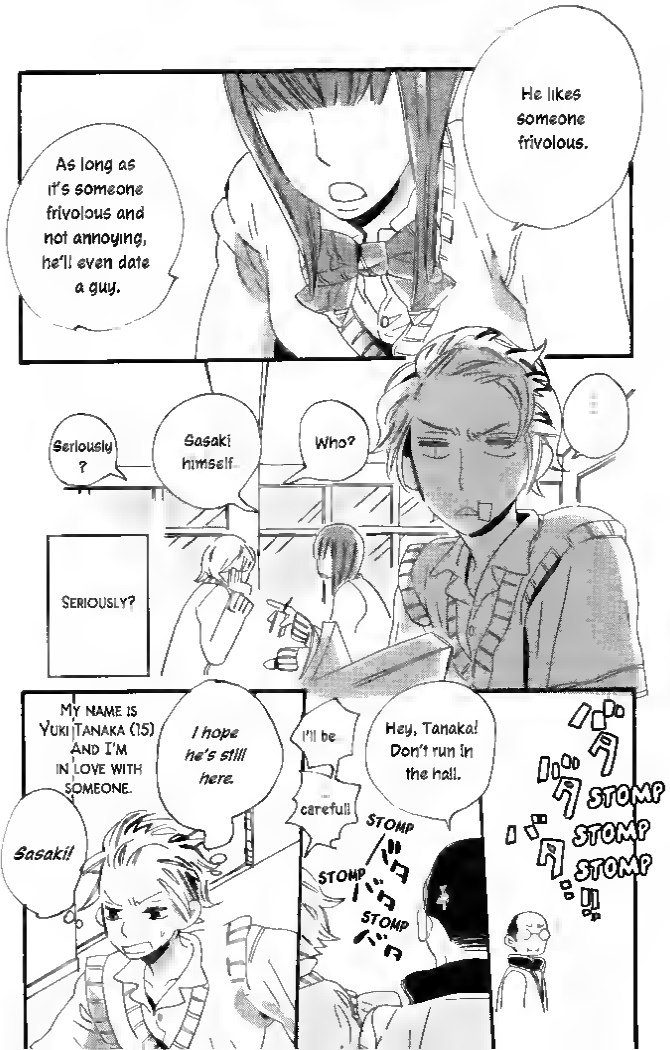
Are you sure you're OK if you don't forget it?
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
Ah, it's like a dream.

YAY
CHATTER
It's more like a nightmare.
Shut up!!!
You didn't even do much!!!
I thought we were only in charge of building the stage!!
Come on!!!
Is this real? Or a fantasy?
DAZED
Hey, Sugiyama
CLENCH
CLENCH
CLENCH
What?!

WHACK
WAKE UP, YOU IDIOT!!
...
Shoot, did I hit him too hard?
Makeup!
...
MY FIST HURTS!!
So it's a fantasy?
I don't think it hurts much.
Can you fix Kasukabe's makeup? Hurry!

END

ABOUT A BOY

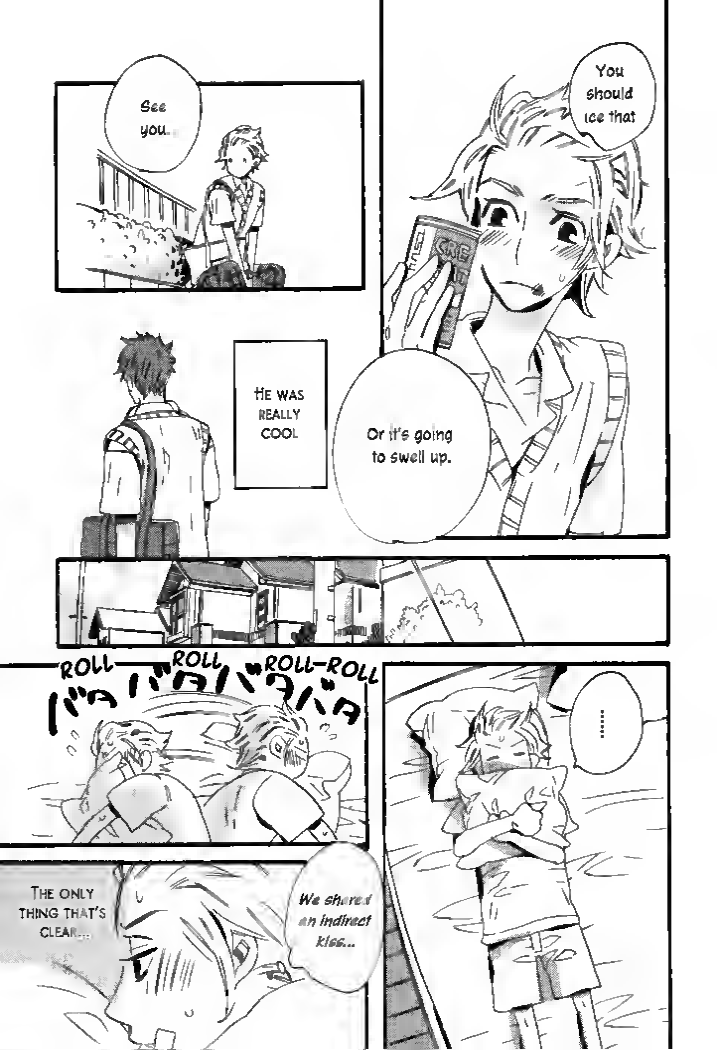

He likes someone frivolous.
As long as it's someone frivolous and not annoying, he'll even date a guy.
Who?
Sasaki himself.
Seriously?
SERIOUSLY?
Hey, Tanaka! Don't run in the hall.
I'll be careful!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
I hope he's still here.
MY NAME IS YUKI TANAKA (15) AND I'M IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE.
Sasaki!

His shoes are so big.
BLUSH
Oh, his shoes are still here.
PHEW
PANT
PANT
I'M A GUY, AND THE GUY I'M IN LOVE WITH IS ALSO A GUY. I'M NOT GAY, BUT I'VE FALLEN HARD FOR HIM.
Come on, I just need $100!
HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?
WELL, THREE DAYS AGO...
I only have $5 right now
Damn it, I would fight if it's only one of them...
I'll pay you back the next time I see you
So please!!

Then let me see your wallet-!!
WHOOSH
What the hell?!
You want a piece of me?!
SASAKI AND I
Sure, of course Let's get this over with.
WERE JUST CLASSMATES AND WE NEVER REALLY SPOKE.

WHACK
バキッ
Urgh...
PANT
PANT
HE WAS REALLY STRONG AND COOL
I'm sorry, Sasaki. But thanks for helping me out. Did you get hurt?!
I'll treat you to something to thank you!!
Let's go!
Take that!
Oww!!
WHACK
GAH

It's OK
It's cool
Besides, they looked familiar.
Sorry, Sasaki.
CLINK
I thought if it's four of them, I thought I could take care of it.
Here
Take the rest.
PLOP
Huh?
BADUM


See you.
You should ice that
HE WAS REALLY COOL
Or it's going to swell up.
ROLL ROLL ROLL-ROLL
バラバラバラバラ
THE ONLY THING THAT'S CLEAR...
We shared an indirect kiss...
.....

.....
GULP
PANT
There he is.
Sasaki!
. IS THAT I'VE NEVER FELT THIS WAY BEFORE

Tanaka!!
Nakata?
STING
Oh...
Oh, um... Thanks for the other day!
Sasaki! I know it's out of the blue, but...
CLENCH
I need to act frivolous!!
And not annoying!!
.....
What? You're gay?
WHIP
Maybe!
Frivolous //
WHIP
...do you want to go out with me?!
SLIP

Well, then...
...we could start as friends
Maybe...
PANT
PANT
ALL...
!!
...RIGHT!!!...
So...
...now that we're going out, what do we do?
Huh?!
uh..
um..

I NEED TO BE FRIVOLOUS AND NOT ANNOYING.
That's...
Huh?
About what?!
He spoke!
But I'm so surprised...
Huh?
Oh, that's...
You look like you're popular with girls, but you like guys?
For the time being, they go home together
.....
He's so quiet
...I got sick of girls
HA HA HA
VIRGIN
...well...
Huh?
I guess...
Seriously?
You're so mature
OK! See you tomorrow!!
Well, my house is toward the south exit. See you

PIT
PAT
PIT
TURN
YAWN
DAZED
MAN, HE'S SO HOT.
SASAKI.. ♡

APPALLED
Eeeeek!
RECOMMENDED
What?!
You're interested in guys?
Huh?
Then you should have said so.
AT HOME
AAAGH!
That is what guys do with each other?!
What are you doing in my room?!
They move so fast.
I SHOULD AT LEAST KISS HIM TOMORROW.
Yeah...
I'll take the lead
And be cool about it

...but I already peed a lot that morning, so nothing came out

!!
An opportunity!!
Oh!

So I went to the bathroom with Suzuki
So the class president told me that I have to turn in my urine by today!!
He really doesn't talk!!

LICK
Sa
Sasaki, you have something on your face!!
CREAK
KONK
Ouch

TREMBLE
WHOOSH
And so I had to stay in the bathroom.
Um, it's not today, isn't it?!

Seriously?
I heard they're gay
I heard they've been hanging out lately.
Who's that next to him?
It's Sasaki, the first-year.
Hey, look at that.
I wonder if he's here already.
PANT
PANT
DING
DONG
Ow!!
!!
Huh?
SLIDE
THUD

Why the heck are you guys standing here?!
You're feisty, first-year.
Shoot, they're older!
You're...
...Sasaki's *girlfriend*, aren't you?

There's a rumor going around...
THUD
Huh?
What are you saying? Stop making stuff up.
Why is he blushing?
BLUSH
Girl-friend...
...that Sasaki
TUG
is quite smitten with someone.
And that someone is a guy.
I see...
He's blushing again.
Smitten...
So are you doing it with Sasaki?

TUG
You do have a cute face for being a guy
HUH?
HUH?
You...
SHIVER
KICK
What?!

What are you doing?
Didn't we settle this when we were in junior high?
CRACK
Or was that my misunderstanding?
No, not at all.
Oh!
Not. At. All
It's not your misunderstanding
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SLAM
SLIDE

He...
...kissed me!!
THAT BASTARD...!
Damn it.
Damn it.
AND.
Hey
SASAKI
...SAW IT, TOO
Tanaka?
Are you OK?
Tanaka...
Urgh...
CARESS
TEAR
So that's why...
HE LIKES FRIVOLOUS GUYS.
. I CAN'T CRY.

I'm fine
I'm used to it
Or Sasaki won't like me.
...
I see
Really...?
Yeah, that's right
That was nothing!
So...
TUG

THUD
Really.
CLICK
Huh?
Hey, what are you doing?!
SQUEEZE
Ahh!
CLICK
Ow!
Um...
Sasaki, don't...
FLINCH

Uh...
Then let's do it.
You're used to it, right?
PULL
Aagh!
WHOOSH
FLINCH
No
I'M SCARED
I'M SCARED
I DON'T WANT TO

I DON'T WANT TO
I DON'T WANT TO DO IT
I DON'T WANT TO
BUT..
TREMBLE
...I DON'T WANT SASAKI TO HATE ME.
Urgh...
TREMBLE

!!
THUD
FLINCH
Sasaki ?

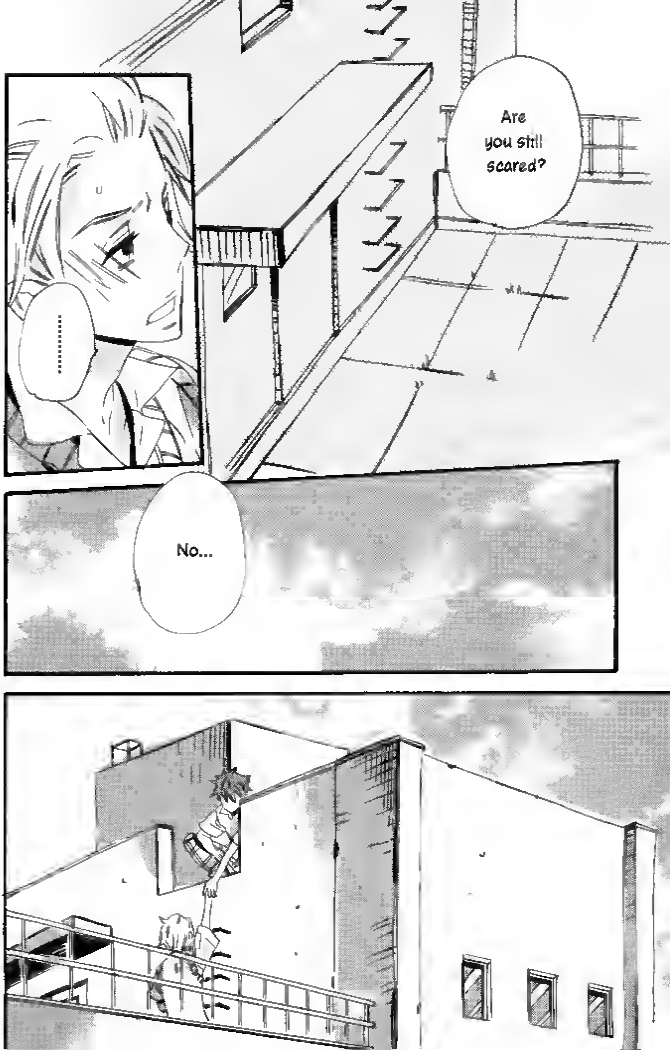
Because you're scared
How come?
Actually, no
TREMBLE
No
You're... not continuing?
HEAVY

Because I think I'm in love...
...with you

Whoa...
TUG
Oh...
Huh?

Hey, you better be careful because you're not good at fighting
I'm scared for you
And you get confronted a lot
...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Hm...?
Mnngh
Mm
Mnngh?
Are you listening?
Tanaka?
TURN
Hey...
It
...felt so good
I got an erection

RUB
SQUEEZE
DD GAN
urgh
AAAGH!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
Idiot!!
Stop that, or it won't settle down!!
Ack!
Oh...
Err...!
Tanaka...
BLUSH
Uhm.
Well what do you know, looks like we get along
See?
RUB


Are you still scared?
.....
No...

Ugh...
Tanaka ?
This hurts!
Wow...
Ugh...
It's really tight. It feels good...
Tanaka.
Tanaka.
SQUEEZE
Ah, it's good
Oh...
Wow. It's starting to feel better...
Can I move?

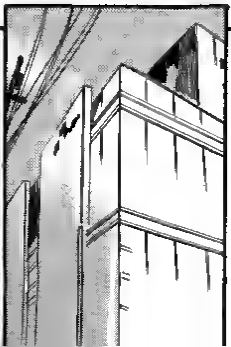
You like frivolous people, right?
What are you talking about?
No!!
Does it hurt?
If it was your first time, you should have said so
.....
You like people who won't get attached, right?!
Don't pretend you don't know what I'm talking about!
STING
STING
On my elementary school yearbook.
I was asked for a type, and I just answered whatever ..
I think I wrote something like that
Wait a minute..
Oh..
Your elementary school?!
Yeah
So your butt hurts, right?

END

A Tale of Two Loves

恋と恋の

VRROOOM
Um...
You're Kouda, right?
Oh..
But you probably don't know me.
I'm Kato We went to the same junior high
And you are...?
And um...
...did you want to ditch school today?



If we're going to a hotel.

Button up
Or they'll see your school uniform.
Huh?
Make sure you close your coat
Can we get in with two guys?
I hope they don't stop us.
TUG
Oh, and...
TUG
...you only have to worry about it until the entrance.

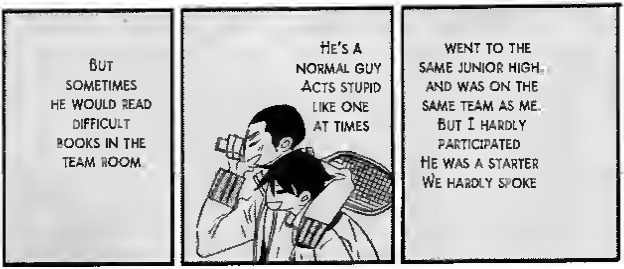
His voice is lower than I thought.
And he's thinner, too.
HE WAS DIFFERENT WHEN I WAS SO CLOSE TO HIM

What a hassle...
I HAD TO TAKE THE BUS BECAUSE MY FATHER BUILT A HOUSE IN AN INCONVENIENT PART OF TOWN
I FIRST STARTED NOTICING HIM ABOUT A YEAR AGO
Huh?
DAZED

He's Kouda... He went to my junior high.
Should I say hi?
But he probably wouldn't know me.
He's a year older
His neck is so clean.

CLUNK
TAP
TAP
Handa High School.
SQUEEZE

KOUDA...


BUT SOMETIMES HE WOULD READ DIFFICULT BOOKS IN THE TEAM ROOM.
HE'S A NORMAL GUY ACTS STUPID LIKE ONE AT TIMES
WENT TO THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH, AND WAS ON THE SAME TEAM AS ME. BUT I HARDLY PARTICIPATED HE WAS A STARTER WE HARDLY SPOKE

HE WAS A QUIET PERSON.
Or so I thought...

He's gay? Wow...
Gay, eh?

Oh...
He cut his hair.

He keeps touching his left side
The side that guy is on.

TUG
.....
Sorry for being abrupt. My name is Kazuma Kato.
...and I was on the tennis team when you were.
When you were...
.....
FLINCH!
Kouda...?
Are you... listening to me?

TUNK
TUNK
TUNK
I wonder how he's going to do?
During summer break, he won't be able to see his guy.
Oh.
MIIIN
MIIIN
Welcome
Sigh
What a drag.

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT

...IS SIMILAR TO HIS

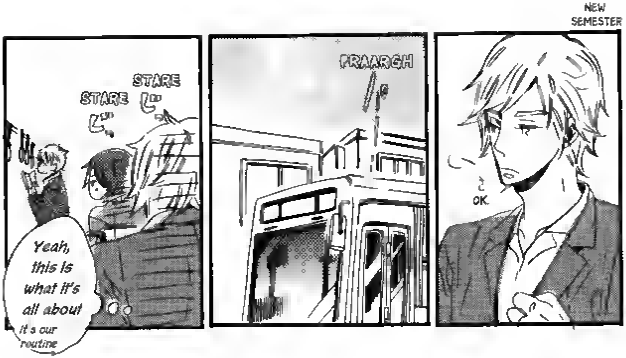
HER BLACK HAIR AND HEIGHT...

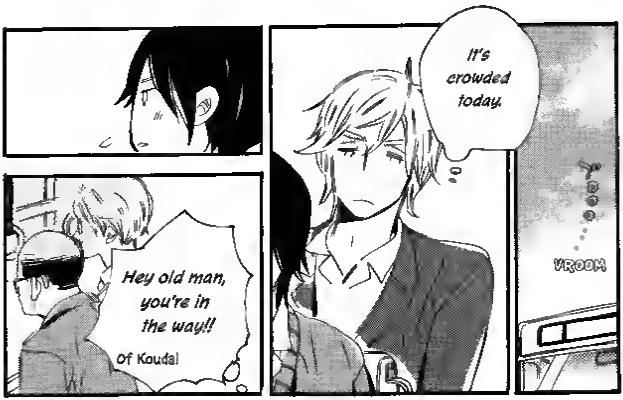
187cm.

I wonder what he's doing now.
I don't know anything about him.
Like where he lives.
VROOOOM
...he's going through a lonely summer, not being able to see that guy.
I guess that's good for me.
I'm sure...

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING

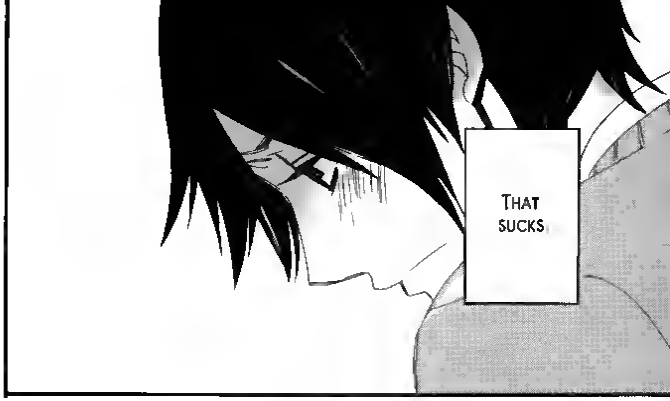
ONLY THAT HE'S IN LOVE WITH THAT GUY.


NEW SEMESTER
STARE
STARE
Yeah, this is what it's all about
it's our routine
PRAARGH
OK


It's crowded today.
VROOM
Hey old man, you're in the way!!
Of Kouda!

Excuse me.
Excuse me.
I should help out.
CREAK
ANNOYED
ANNOYED
ANNOYED
ANNOYED
ANNOYED
I hope he could see him now.
KOUDA.
PUSH!
KOUDA, GOOD LUCK.
DON'T GIVE UP.
AND THAT WAS...

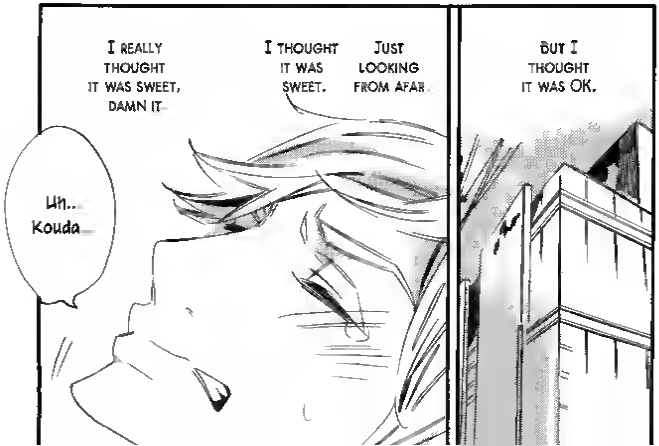
...THE YEAR
KOUDA AND
I SHARED.



So it sucks, but you can't complain.

...only looking is not going to do anything.

It sucks, but...



BUT NOW YOU'RE DOING THIS?
I'm going to get an erection.
Seriously.
Stop.
Please
You already have
.....

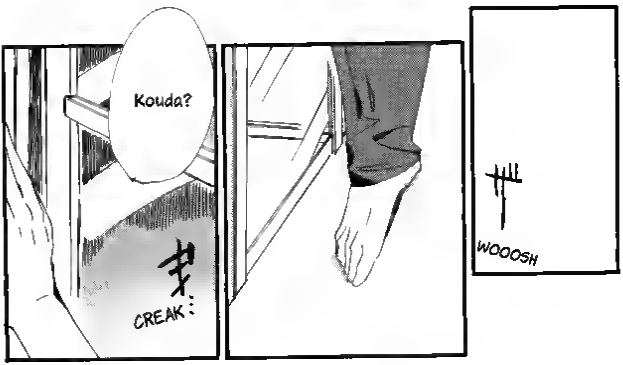
SERIOUSLY. I SHOULD DIE
I DID, DAMN IT.
Come on. You wanted to ditch, right?
And you came here, so you had ulterior motives, right?
I'm gay.
CREAK
I KNOW
That's why...

...I can do it with anyone.
Urgh...
Ah!
Ugh
Ahh
Uhh...!

Aaah...!!

We did it... It felt good for me, but...
DAZED
...I'M SURE IT WASN'T GOOD FOR HIM.
What do you call this?
ROLL
It's an embarrassment for a man to refuse...
It probably hurt a lot.

I COULDN'T REMEMBER, BUT I JUST REMEMBERED IT WAS SAD.


Kouda?
CREAK...
WOOOSH

I'm sorry
You didn't do anything you should apologize about
I DID.
I had my heart broken .
Today .

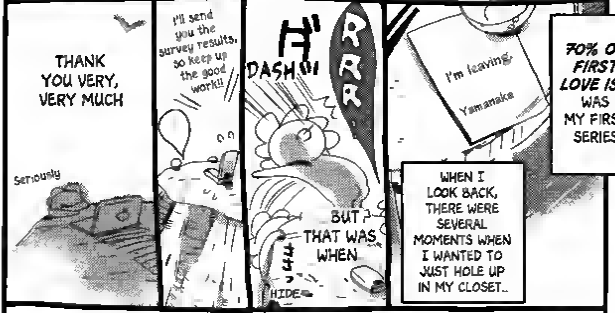
...only gave up his seat for me once
But he...
We never spoke
Yeah...

And we had the same taste in books
He was my type
YEAH.
YEAH
YEAH
And we rode the same bus in the morning
That's all...

That's why it's really stupid, but...
GRAB
What are you doing?
Let go...

It's not stupid.
From a long time ago.
Kouda's love.

...WAS MY LOVE.


THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH
Seriously
I'll send you the survey results, so keep up the good work!!
DASH!!
RRR
BUT THAT WAS WHEN...
HIDE
I'm leaving, Yamanaka
WHEN I LOOK BACK, THERE WERE SEVERAL MOMENTS WHEN I WANTED TO JUST HOLE UP IN MY CLOSET..
70% OF FIRST LOVE IS... WAS MY FIRST SERIES

I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT IT WAS COMPILED INTO A BOOK I WOULD BE HAPPIER IF IT WAS ENJOYABLE FOR YOU.

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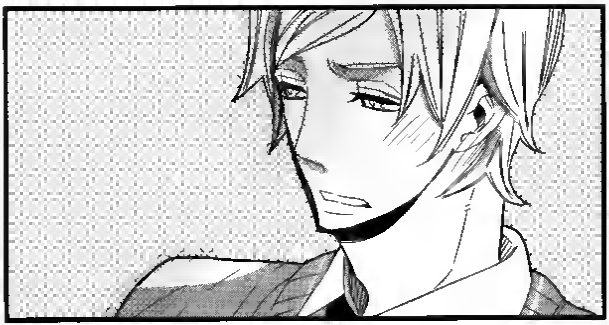
And to you, who picked this up

NOOO
NOOOOO.
RUSTLE
NOOOOOOO.



SAY YOU
LOVE ME

First Love,
Ongoing

IT'S BEEN THREE MONTHS...
...SINCE WE STARTED GOING OUT.
First Love, Ongoing
I'VE BEEN FANTASIZING ABOUT SUGIYAMA EVERY DAY
It wasn't supposed to be like this.
It's odd...

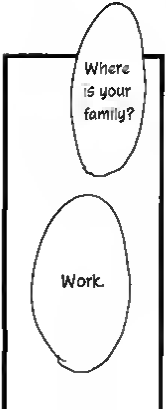
What do you have for 5th period?
WHY, YOU ASK?
I have Art.
I have Math.
WHUMP
I don't want to go
I think my mind... stopped from equations. Besides, the x and the y.
SMACK

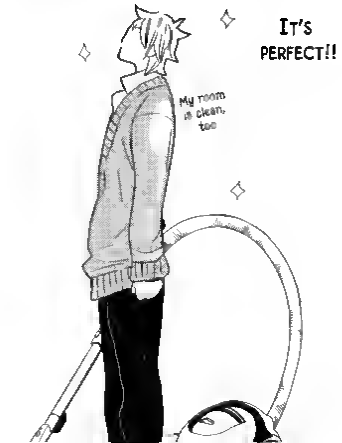
WAKE UP
.....
WIPE
Do I...
always have to be on guard with you?
He wiped his mouth!
But he didn't tell me to stop.
Which is it?!
Sorry.
It's fine, but...
SUGIYAMA HASN'T KISSED ME.
SO WHEN HE COMES NEAR, I INSTANTLY GO FOR IT.

I WANT TO ASK HIM DIRECTLY..
"SUGIYAMA, DO YOU LOVE ME?"
Hey, did you watch *Aliens 3*?
Was it good?
Sir?
I did, sir.
I have the DVD at home
Really?
Did you want to come and watch it?
Like on Saturday ?
JUMPING ON OPPORTUNITY...

I FINALLY GOT THE CHANCE, AFTER THREE MONTHS!
WHIRR

OK
Sleep over. It's late, anyway.
AND THEN...
I think I'm drunk...
...MAYBE HAVE A DRINK OR TWO
WE CAN WATCH THE MOVIE...
WHIRR!


Where is your family?
Work.


IT'S PERFECT!!
My room is clean, too

.....
Oh, but...
Let's watch it in my room.
So she doesn't bother us when she gets home.
OK.
And it's smaller.
My room...
I CAN FEEL SUGIYAMA'S BODY TEMPERATURE.
He's sitting so close to me
SIGH
Oh
Sorry
ROLL

Found it
My chocolate
GRAB
There it is
Oh.
Where'd it go?
CREAK
Wait-
ROLL
Whoa!
Hey!
Guess I should go for it
Before he starts thinking.
Sugi-yama
Wah!
FLINCH
TUG
Wait!

Yeah?
He's so cute.
Come
PANT
PANT
So cute...
Let's get on the bed...
...up here.
TUG
We can watch it later.
VLIP
Ahh...
Ka.
SQUEEZE
...sukabe...
Hey
!
FLINCH
FLINCH

TUG
PANT
PAN
BLUSH
FLINCH
STARE
.....
CREAK
PLIP
PLIP

SQUEEZE
Sugiyama.
Sugiyama, you're so cute.
Sugiyama.
Sugiyama.
Let's kiss
Ah
I'm so aroused.
Uhn
Does Sugiyama feel the same way?
GLARE
Sugi
Not that much. Not really.
NOT AS MUCH AS ME?! ONLY AS FRIENDS?!
COULD IT BE THAT SUGIYAMA DOESN'T LIKE ME?!
Was I being too greedy?
SHRINK
SHRINK
SHRINK
Huh? He's mad...?

Huh?
Well, you went out with Hayama, Yoneda, and Tanigawa before me...
So I guess you're used to this.
UHH..
Um, did you want me to stop?
I'm sorry.
You're so used to this.

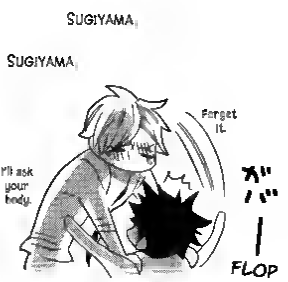
Is this a reaction I should be happy about?
...now
Oh?
"...!" DAZED
.....

Huh? What did you say? I couldn't hear
.....
Can you repeat it?
Whoa!
TUG

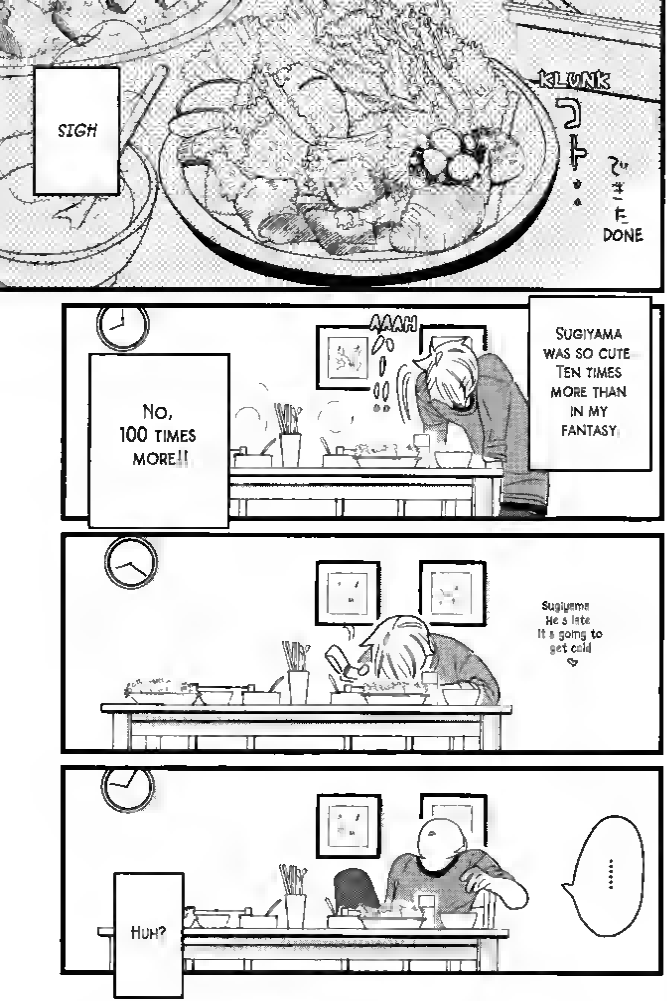
MMGH
He...
initiated
...the kiss for the first
...time.
WOOOOAHHH
I said, but you're mine now.
I won't question your past...
...but if you cheat on me, I'm going to beat you up.
MANLY SPIRIT
.....

...do you like me?
Sugiyama...
What?
Of course not.
THUNK
ザク
ちゅっ
SMACK
.....
!!

What?
I told you, I don't. Stop bugging me about it.
SMACK
.....
You actually like me, right?
You're just lying?


SUGIYAMA
SUGIYAMA
Forget it.
I'll ask your body.
FLOP

I'm going to go run
THUMP
He's gone...
EMPTY
EMPTY
!
.....
Hm, what should I make?
I'm laughing for no reason
HEE HEE HEE


SIGH
KLUNK
コト
ピヨ
DONE
AAAH
SUGIYAMA WAS SO CUTE TEN TIMES MORE THAN IN MY FANTASY
NO, 100 TIMES MORE!!
Sugiyama He's late It's going to get cold
HUH?
.....

COULD HE HAVE GONE HOME?
No way!
GONE
いない
See, his stuff is here.
And yesterday he said that he likes me.
No, but he left his stuff here...
And he said he likes me...
CLICK
SUGIYAMA?!
MAYBE IT WAS MY IMAGINATION?
BUT— I WASN'T REALLY AWAKE. I THOUGHT I HEARD HIM.
DID HE?!
NO. HE SAID HE'S GOING TO GO RUN

CLICK
カシャ
Sugiyama!!
You idiot!!
STUFF = TOWEL + WALLET
What?
Oh, nothing.
Welcome back.
But I bought food from the convenience store
Seriously? For me too?
Yeah.
Wow!

Then we could stay together until noon.
Sure.
Then let's have this for lunch.
I'm so hungry

It did, but I ran anyway
Didn't your butt hurt?

END

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